

**Veterans' Employment and Training Service**

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**LABOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS MOST GRANTS EVER FOR EMPLOYMENT,  
TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**

More than \$8.2 million has been awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor to fund employment and training programs for homeless veterans, President Clinton and Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman announced today. The 43 grants are the largest number ever offered under the department's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Project (HVRP).

"The tragedy of homelessness among veterans persists even though our economy is robust and unemployment remains at historic lows," said President Clinton. "We cannot afford to leave these capable men and women behind."

"The grants provide job search and counseling assistance, remedial education, classroom and on-the-job training," Secretary Herman explained. "The department expects more than 4,300 veterans to move into unsubsidized employment as a result of these nine-month grants."

Miss America 2000, Heather French, was told of the grant awards at a meeting she had with Secretary Herman on April 4 at the Labor Department. Miss French has devoted her year of service to raising the nation's consciousness about the plight of homeless veterans.

"Secretary Herman was very interested in my experiences with homeless veterans and the opportunities I have had to raise awareness about their plight," said Miss French. "These grants show the Labor Department's commitment to helping these capable men and women reestablish productive lives."

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Funds for the grants are authorized by Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and are administered by the Labor Department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS). VETS received more than 65 applications for funding. The grant recipients were chosen by a competitive process. Each grant recipient received the total amount of funds requested to run the programs.

"By issuing more grants, we have been able to fund many service providers for the first time," said Espiridion "Al" Borrego, assistant secretary of labor for veterans employment and training. "The grantees will supplement our modest funding with money from other sources to insure a continuum of services that will enable thousands of veterans to begin achieving the American Dream."

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) estimates the number of homeless veterans exceeds 275,000 on any given night and twice that number experience homelessness over the course of a year.

At least 60 percent of the nation's homeless men are veterans. Yet more than 90 percent of homeless veterans are high school graduates and one-third of them have been to college.

VETS' fiscal year 2001 budget requests \$15 million for its homeless veteran programs.

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Editors' note: A list of the organizations receiving grants to assist homeless veterans is attached.

**HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROJECTS  
FY 2000 GRANTEE CONTACT LIST**

Jonathan Dunning, CEO  
Birmingham Health Care for the Homeless  
712 25th Street North  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203  
(205) 439-7201  
Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Nathaniel Buggs, Director  
San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc.  
1151 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 600  
San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 238-1445 x304  
Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Gary White, Commission President  
Jefferson County  
805 North 22nd Street  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
(205) 325-5503  
Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Nathaniel Buggs, Director  
San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc.  
1551 4th Avenue, Suite 600  
San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 238-1445 x304  
Funding Amount: \$200,000.

Shana Campbell  
United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.  
733 S. Hindry Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90301  
(310) 348-7600 x3137  
Funding Amount: \$221,000.

Michael Blecker, Executive Director  
Swords to Plowshares  
1063 Market St.  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
(415) 252-4788  
Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Dwight Radcliffe  
U.S. Veterans Initiative, Inc.  
733 South Hindry Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90301  
(310) 348-7600  
Funding Amount: \$175,451.

Byron Calos  
Vietnam Veterans of California  
P.O. Box 378  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0378  
(707) 578-2785  
Funding Amount: \$249,876.

Margaret O'Brien  
Goodwill Industries of Southern California  
342 San Fernando Rd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90031  
(323) 223-1211 x105  
Funding Amount: \$245,932.

Byron Calos  
Vietnam Veterans of California  
P.O. Box 378  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0378  
(707) 578-02785  
Funding Amount: \$211,305.

Sarah Perez  
People Assisting the Homeless  
P.O. Box 64777  
2346 Cotner Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
(310) 996-0034  
Funding Amount: \$103,411.

Michael J. Curran  
City of Sunnyvale  
505 w. Olive Avenue, Suite 550  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
(408) 730-7248  
Funding Amount: \$149,460.

Bernard L. Humbles  
City and County of Denver  
1200 Federal Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80204  
(720) 944-1398  
Funding Amount: \$249,623.

Roland Talbot  
Network Enterprises, Inc  
2828 Pa'a Street, Suite 3090  
Honolulu, HI 96819  
(808) 839-7704  
Funding Amount: \$233,770.

Rick Brown  
HealthNet, Inc.  
1835 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
(317) 931-3055  
Funding Amount: \$135,045.

Claudia Blaylock  
Volunteers of America of Kentucky, Inc.  
933 Goss Ave.  
Lexington, KY 40217  
(606) 245-3469  
Funding Amount: \$114,412.

Julie Scoskie, Director  
Jefferson County Public Schools  
3670 Wheeler Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40215  
(502) 485-3816  
Funding Amount: \$135,125.

Herma Thomas  
Women in Community Service  
2141 Allen Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504)944-4986  
Funding Amount: \$99,957.

Charles Williams  
Maryland Center for Veterans Education  
and Training, Inc.  
301 N. High Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 576-9626  
Funding Amount: \$132,000.

Maria Copses  
Vietnam Veterans Workshop, Inc.  
17 Court St  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 371-1701  
Funding Amount: \$197,695.

Ralph Cooper  
Veterans Benefits Clearinghouse, Inc.  
126 Warren Street  
Roxbury, MA 02119-1561  
(617) 541-8846  
Funding Amount: \$248,809.

Jimmie L Coulthard  
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans  
Building 47, VAMC 1 Veterans Drive  
Minneapolis, MN 55417  
(612) 726-9375  
Funding Amount: \$127,048.

Tobi Geibig, Ex. Director  
Michigan Veterans Foundation  
14414 Harbor Isle  
Detroit, MI 48215  
(313) 831-5500  
Funding Amount: \$246,050.

Leo Paradis  
St. Patrick Center  
614 North 11th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 436-1283  
Funding Amount: \$172,250.

Chuck Cox  
City of St. Louis, Dept. of Human Resources  
634 North Grand, Room 722  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
(314) 658-1168 x2756  
Funding Amount: \$125,000.

Diane Thomas, Director  
City of Omaha  
1819 Farnam Street  
Omaha, NE 68183  
(402) 444-4700  
Funding Amount: \$199,195.

Martin Cordova  
Rehabilitation Services & Veterans Programs  
406 San Mateo NE, Suite 122  
Albuquerque, NM 87108  
(505) 255-8440  
Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Job Mashariki  
Black Veterans for Social Justice  
25 Chapel St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 852-6004  
Funding Amount: \$249,260.

Doug Haywood, Executive Director  
Western New York Veterans Housing  
Coalition, Inc.  
1125 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
(716) 882-5935 x23  
Funding Amount: \$154,850.

George Jones, Administrator  
The Salvation Army--Greater New York  
120 West 14th Street  
New York, New York 10011  
(718) 784-5690  
Funding Amount: \$249,492.

Tom Hameline  
Help Social Service Corp.  
30 E. 33rd Street, 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 979-0244 x205  
Funding Amount: \$187,835.

Thomas Cray  
Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.  
459 S. Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14620  
(716) 546-1081  
Funding Amount: \$134,996.

Charles Blythe  
Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries  
Rehabilitation Center, Inc.  
10600 Springfield Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45215  
(513) 421-4501  
Funding Amount: \$197,574.

Leverett Hobbs  
Vietnam Veterans of America Buckeye State  
Council  
65 S. Front Street, Suite 221  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 228-0188  
Funding Amount: \$125,000.

Richard Harris, Executive Director  
Central City Concern  
2 NW Second Ave.  
Portland, OR 97209  
(503) 294-1681  
Funding Amount: \$168,590.

Edward J. Lowry, Executive Director  
The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service &  
Education Center, Inc.  
213-217 North 4th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1801  
(215) 923-2600  
Funding Amount: \$187,500.

Richard Finch  
Impact Services Corporation  
124 E. Indiana Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19134  
(215) 739-0243  
Funding Amount: \$139,947.

Ted Fetting  
Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office  
901 North 9th St. Room G5  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
(414) 278-4058  
Funding Amount: \$250,000.

Richard G. Zola, Executive Director  
Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program of  
W. PA., Inc.  
1323 Forbes Avenue, Suite 202  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
(412) 281-8100  
Funding Amount: \$121,268.

Karen Taylor  
Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development  
Board  
5150 Montana  
El Paso, TX 79903  
(915) 772-2002 x263  
Funding Amount: \$251,400.

Carlos Martinez  
American GI Forum Veterans Outreach  
Program  
206 San Pedro, Suite 200  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
(210) 223-4088  
Funding Amount: \$280,917.

James Rising  
Washington Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
1011 South Plum Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 41150  
Olympia, WA 98504-1150  
(360) 709-5250  
Funding Amount: \$249,712.

Linda Fields  
Coalition for the Homeless  
1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW C-1015  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)347-8870  
Funding Amount: \$155,000.